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ANOTHER BIG DEAL IS CONSUMATED

One of the largest real estate deals that has been made in this section for a long time has just been consumated, and it means much to the future of Monessen. All of the vacant lots in McMahan borough belonging to the estate of Alexander and Thomas McMahan have been sold to Murray Campbell of Greensburg and within the next few days the papers will be placed upon the records of Westmoreland county. The deal means the transfer of five hundred suburban building lots, the consideration being $27,000 cash. The deal was made through Eicher and Laird of Greensburg, assignees for the estate.

The deal has been pending for several months, but as soon as the territory was annexed to the borough of Monessen, Mr. Campbell saw the future of the McMahan addition and proceeded to close the deal. As soon as the papers are properly transfered, the lots will be placed on the market with an absolutely perfect title and at a price that will warrant immediate improvement. With the annexation agreement, Monessen borough is obligated to make some extensive improvements to the newly acquired terriory which will bring it within easy walking distance of the central part of the town. With the new additions to the plant of the Pittsburg Steel company and the placing on the market of these lots, Monessen promises greater expansion than has been experienced in the past several years. One thousand homes ready by May first could be rented and would be occupied. The tremendous demand for houses has been keeping up for several years and there is no better or more convenient place to build than on this plan. It is within five or ten minutes walk from the Pittsburg Steel plant and high above the fog and smoke line. There is little doubt but what the lots will sell readily as soon as the improvements on the plan are started by council.

Get what's coming to you—

The young men about the town shouldn't have to be told to troop into our store. They should be wearing our clothes and fondly looking themselves over.

It's a pleasure and privilege to us to wait on you.

M. Meyers & Son.....

ACTUAL WORK OF THE CONTEST BEGINS NOW

With the publication of the list of entrants in the Independent's Prize Contest, the actual work of gathering subscriptions begins. Up to this time a number have been watching things very closely and have been waiting to see who had entered. Now that the list is published all can see who they will have to compete against and can figure out for themselves just how much of a chance they have.

The first list is made up of probably more names than we expected and the nominations are still coming in.

That so many names should appear on the first list makes it very evident that the race will be very exciting before the close, and the general public is taking much interest in the contest.

With so many entrants in the race, the winning of anyone of the prizes is made easier for the ones who will get in with the idea of winning and will stick until the end. Each contestant that is entered in the race will get just so many subscriptions and there will be a less amount necessary to win as the number of entrants grows greater.

Now that the list is published and everyone may see just who they will have to compete against and just where they can expect to get subscriptions from, it is time for those who are thinking seriously of going anything to commence at once.

The people about the city are watching the race with more than the usual amount of interest. They will look over the list of entrants and will decide at once which one they are going to save their subscription for and which one they are going to help all they can.

If your name appears on this list, get started at once. Get out and see a few friends who you can rely on to help you. Let them know that you are entered in this contest and that you are out to win. Come in to the office and get a receipt book for yourself and also one for anyone that you can get to help you. Get started after the subscriptions at once while the territory is fresh and while, you have little trouble in getting subscriptions wherever you go.

Commencing today the list of entrants and the number of votes which each has polled will appear in these columns each day.

The list will be corrected each evening for publication on the following day and all votes which are placed in the ballot box will be counted up and added to the totals that each contestant has in the paper of that evening. This will give the number of votes which each contestant has polled right up to date. By watching this list the friends of the different contestants will be able to tell just who are doing the real work of the contest and who are deserving of their help. Contestants who are out to win should see to it that their friends save the coupons from the paper for them. Keep them coming in every few days so that they will keep your vote total in the paper going up a little all of the time. This will be an indication that you are working and will be the means of getting a good many subscriptions for you.

EASTER

Toilet Waters, Sachets, Soaps and Toilet Requisites.
Liggetts Chocolates
Easter Dyes 5c
See Windows

CRAIG'S DRUG STORE
461 Donner Ave.
THE REXALL STORE

RETIRING OFFICIAL AGAIN BANQUTTED

Robert W. Anderson the retiring superintendent of the open hearth department of the Pittsburg Steel, was tendered another farewell banquet last evening at the Turner hall and was greeted by about forty of his friends. The company sat down to a sumptuous spread prepared by Steve Dworatzek and it was served in a way that all enjoyed the good things. The room was decorated in flowers appropriate to the Easter season and a local company of musicians composed of Messrs. White, Lindauer and Sauers, the Imperial orchestra, furnished most delightful music. Mr. John Dries, president of the Turn Verein was made toastmaster of the evening and in his usual characteristic and inimitable manner presented before the assemblage the speakers of the evening. Mr. Anderson expects to leave Monessen early in the week for Chicago, where he has accepted a responsible position.

Those present were Messrs: Dreis, Link, Wikstrom, Plum, Berglof, Parks, Amann, Merren, Trago, Hegs, McKenna, Stonage, Smith, Williamson, McElroy, Lanahan, Allison, Bertleman, G. H. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, Meyers, Herzo Lienson, Winwood, Unterberger, Bumer, Karlowsky, Selkirk, Landers, Conroy, Downy, Spanger, Hormuth, Cunningham, Molowny, Meyer, Knecht, Postenick, Gohenberger, Frazier.

Were Married in Pittsburg

A wedding of interest to Monessen people was solemnized yesterday at noon at the parsonage of the Sheridan M. E. church, when Mr. John L. Gibson, of Monessen and Miss Mina Alberta Gallatin, of Donora, were united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George E. Brenneman, formerly pastor of the local M. E. church. The couple left Pittsburg in the afternoon for a brief wedding trip to Cleveland, Detroit and Lorain, Ohio, where they will visit friends and upon their return they will take up housekeeping at 222 McKee avenue. Mr. Gibson is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson of Monessen and is a well known and popular young man. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Gallatin of Donora and is a popular young lady of that town.

BILL PUTTING BAN ON TIPPING FAVORABLE

A bill passed in Legislature yesterday on second reading without comment putting a ban on tipping. This bill is being passed with the unanimous consent of the house and there is no legislation of greater importance. Such a measure ought to be a national law. No game is worked as hard as the tipping game. No persons are imposed upon to a greater degree than that class that must look to the traveling public for sufficient remuneration with which to live. Big corporations that pay out millions in dividends keep their servants bound down without wage or reward, expecting that they will be able to graft enough off people who get the service. The trans-continental railroad companies fix rates and accommodations that only the poor or unfortunate can accept and place porters on their trains at a salary from which they could not possibly exist. People who travel on these trains that can pay get service and the unfortunate persons get no attention. It ought to be done away with. Hotels employ porters to do their scrubbing and dirty work and look after the trade as a side line, but the trade is supposed to foot the bill. No legislation was ever of more importance than this and no law will better conserve the interests of the traveling public.

For Easter Sunday

For tomorrow and Easter Sunday the Philadelphia Candy Kitchen has prepared seven different kinds of ice cream and also brick ice cream, baskets, eggs, rabbits, candy, etc. Special Sundaes. Special fruits.

Hearing Tonight

I. Rosen was arrested last night by Officer Kit Wheatley for violating an ordinance in tacking up bills about town. The officer was busy for a time tearing down conspicuously posted sheets and when he found who was doing the mischief he arrested the man. The burgess has given all the officers notice to arrest every person posting bills own any poles within the borough limits. There is an ordinance prohibiting such posting and in consideration of a contract with the companies that on the poles they deserve this protection from the borough. Rosen will be given a hearing this evening before Squire A. N. Shuster.

Luna theatre today, "The Face or the Voice" a beautiful Vitagraph picture acted by Maurice Costello and Florance Turner.

Epidemic of Measles

One hundred and eighty one cases of measles reported to the Board of Health in twenty days. This is the startling statement made this morning by Dr. D. C. Farquhar, president of the board, with regard to the conditions in this town. The disease is epidemic, but this is the greatest spread observed within a given time. A special meeting has been called for the purpose of taking rigid action and hereafter the laws governing contageous diseases will be enforced. Throughout all sections of the town and among all classes of people the quarantine law has been violated. The law strictly forbids people from leaving homes where there is a quarantine and attending public meetings and the board has positive knowledge that last Sunday there were persons seated in the local churches that had come out of quarantined homes. This violation of the health laws is responsible for the alarming spread of contageon in Monessen. Many deaths have resulted as a result of complications. From today until there is a letup in the trouble the health laws will be regidly enforced, regardless of who the parties are. Officer Lewis Lang has been retained to do nothing but health work until the conditions are changed and a fewer number of cases reported. There is fear now that the schools may have to be temporarily closed.

INVITATIONS FOR EASTER DANCE

Invitations are out for an Easter dance to be given Monday evening, March 24th by the Lady Elks. The affair will be held in Assembly hall and will likely prove to be one of the really enjoyable social functions of the Easter season since the Lady Elks have proven themselves to be such royal entertainers. Many invitations have been sent out to Monessen friends and folks from other towns. Dancing will be in order from 8 until 12 o'clock. Pancook's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music.

Don't forget to see the great Vitagraph picture at the Luna today.

Ready For Game

Everything is in readiness for the big game with Donora next Tuesday evening. The locals have made a good showing for the short time they have been playing and the people will get their money's worth in seeing this game. Each team has won a game and this will decide the championship of the upper valley. Next Tuesday evening will end the basket ball season here, so do not miss the chance of seeing this game. Do not forget the date, Tuesday evening, March 25, 1913 at the Turner hall. Everybody turn out. Game will be called at 8:30. A preliminary will be played between the Mentzers and the Monongahela Y. M. C. A.

ELIAS McLAIN SEVERELY BEATEN

Last night a telephone message was sent to police headquarters conveying the information that Elias McLain had been shot just outside the borough line in East Monessen and Burgess Reamer and several officers boarded the police patrol and hastened to the scene. Mr. McLain was seated on the steps of an east end store in a dazed condition and for a few minutes was unable to give an account of what had happened. It seems that some person rolled a stump from the hill top down onto the street car tracks past a brick house in the vicinity and it is stated that McLian was passing along in the neighborhood when two or three men pounced upon him and proceeded to beat him up. After they had made a pretty good job of it, they disappeared and the man could not tell which way they went. The stump was still on the car track to testify to what the injured man had told the officers. McLain was suffering from a slight scalp wound. The police made a search of the place, but could not find the culprits.

The Masquerade

Those who have received invitations will look forward to a pleasant social evening, March 26th, which is the date for a masquerade ball to be given by the Hebrew Ladies Aid of Monessen. It will be held in Turner hall and invitations have been sent to many other towns including McKeesport and Pittsburg. Pancook's orchestra will furnish the music. One dollar the couple will be charged and dancing will be in order from 8 until 2 o'clock.

Easter For the Kiddies

Easter comes Sunday, and you'll be selecting nice things for the kiddies, and the best place is Mikalarias & Berbatis, where everything new, novel and pretty is to be found. Windows full, counters full. So select early before the best is gone.

Also Saturday will be a big day in our parlor. All flavors of ice cream, orange sherbet, sodas, coca colas, etc. All the dainty Sundaes will be served and everybody is invited to come in and initiate the warm spring weather.

SPRING STYLES

The snappiest line of **Spring Shoes** ever shown in Monessen now await your approval—the new styles in Men's Walkovers and all the new spring styles for the ladies at prices that are right at

Cowan's
508 Donner

Did You Have Enough Money Last Christmas?

Were you able to do all the little things you would like to have done?
Were all your family, friends and associates remembered at the Holiday season just as you would have wished?
Wouldn't a little extra money have come in handy? If so, then

Start Now for next Christmas by Joining Our Christmas Club

which opens March 31st. Make a small deposit every week, and when the Club matures next December you will be agreeably surprised at the neat little sum you have accumulated, made larger by interest added. Plans to suit every sized purse from 2 cents a week up. Everybody welcome. Call today and enroll

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Sixth & Schoonmaker | GREER BROTHERS

Your Easter Suit

SHOULD BE A

FRANTZ & BOYD SUIT

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It should be selected from the cases at our store, now over-flowing with clothes that mark the best efforts of America's foremost manufacturers. Suits are all hand-tailored and ready for immediate service.

You get every advantage that the highest priced tailors in the country can give you, yet you see the finished suit—not a piece of cloth.

Prices $15, $18, $20 and $22. We have them also at less and more.

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DOWN ON DONNER
Open Every Evening 'til Easter

The Famous

"Home of Good Clothes"

Society Brand Clothes

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Dress in Style

Buy Clothing that is known--Clothing that is dependable. Be sure you get a make that has a good reputation. This is the most important feature for the man who would dress in style. This store handles only the best of everything. Men come here first for new arrivals, and depend on our judgment. We ask you to come now and see the new suits from the best master tailors in America. These clothes makers are Society Brand. They make Clothes according to the latest authority on dress. The styles are absolutely new and exclusive--patterns and colorings that are found only in the most fashionable tailor shops. Every suit of the above makers is thoroughly inspected before leaving the workrooms and the keenest eye cannot detect a flaw.

There's a certain pleasing air about These Smart Clothes that is lacking in other makes.

Prices Range $18, $20, $22 and $25. Our "Famous" Special at $10, $12, $15

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"Home of Good Clothes"

DONNER AVENUE

If You Haven't Seen Ou Spring Styles You Haven' Seen the "Real Thing."

We feature the superb tailor-made coats and suits of the famous Wooltex make as leaders in our spring style.

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But the glorious part is that this unmatchable Wooltex distinctiveness is accompanied by unmatchable wearing quality. Nothing but pure wool and pure silk are used in Wooltex and the tailoring is just the best that tailors know how to do. There isn't any better, even in the high-class custom work.

That's why WOOLTEX coats, suits and skirts can be guaranteed to give at least two seasons' satisfactory service.

Why buy doubts when you can be sure?

Spring styles are here—and going out fast.

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MILLINERY

WE are devoting our entire second floor to the Millinery Department. Our line this season is by far the most exclusive line at popular prices we have ever showed.

COME---we have a splendid assortment to show you at this tim

SAFIER'S

MONESSEN'S BEST STORE

The Store That Sells Wooltex

Coats, Suits, Skirts.

West Monessen

St. Patrick's day is one of the holidays that will not be forgotten by many in this town, as it was celebrated with masks and forms of every discription. About fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Foulks, of Isabelle street unexpectedly called to spend the evening Each person wore a mask of their own individual taste. Games and speech making were the chief amusements of the evening. A dainty lunch was served at 11 o'clock, after which all reported a good time The out of town guests were: Miss Lela Dougherty of Uniontown, Mrs John Ashton and children and Mr. and Mrs William McCreary of Monessen.

Mr and Mrs. Walter Zollers and children of McKeesport were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zollers, Sunday.

Richard Thomas returned after visiting in Pittsburg for several days.

Miss Esther Frisk of Pittsburg visited with Miss Celina Hagerty over Sunday.

Bruce Grieo of McKeesport and Mr and Mrs W. H Griffith of Pittsburg were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N Boyer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs U. Comerford of Mountain Lake are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Springer.

Miss Ethel Jackson of Donora was visiting friends here Sunday.

Davis Woodward and Clarence Blye were visiting in Speers Sunday.

Miss Mary Geese of Uniontown is visiting Mrs. Clara Zimerman.

Jack Frisk of Pittsburg visited friends here Sunday.

The L. V. F. club met at the home of Mrs. John Stober, Thursday evening. After a business session and a social chat a luncheon was served by the hostess The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Fortney, Thursday evening, March 27.

Mrs George Abbey and son, returned to their home in In Wedesday morning after visiting atives here.

John Myers was calling in M sen Thursday evening.

T. P Sloan was visiting in fornia Wednesday evening.

Lloyd Zimerman is ill with measles.

Mrs. W. F Hagberty has ret after visiting at Trauger.

McCreery and Company

PITTSBURGH

SUITS DRESSES COATS WAISTS

We have a New Third Floor. Sounds like magic—and looks like it. In effect it is an artistic and spacious salon, for the display of the new stock of Women's and Misses' and Girls' coats, suits and dresses—a stock as new, to the very last garment, as the transforming improvements that have been made on this floor. Come and see it as you would the Phipps conservatory or the Carnegie art gallery.

Our saleswomen have been instructed to show the handsome models, products of the most painstaking houses, that we are selling at special low prices. Come in and these will be exhibited to you, for we are proud of the buying that has enabled us to show suits copied directly from models brought by the manufacturers from Paris.

Suits, Coats, Dresses

$19.50, $25.00, $29.50, $35.00, $39.50

Waists

Lingerie Silk Chiffon

$1.50 to $50.00 $5.00 to $35.00

Remember The Board of Charities

Pay all money to A. Tanzer at the Monessen Saving & Trust company, and deliver clothing to Dr. D. C. Farquhar or Rev. H. O. MacDonald

DAILY INDEPENDENT

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Only daily paper published in Westmoreland county in the upper section of the Monongahela valley.

Advertising rates furnished on application

Reading notices 10c per line on front page; 5c per line on other pages. Want ads 1c per word.

Orders to discontinue ads must be made on or before eight o'clock on day of issue to insure fulfillment.

Changes for advertisements must be in before 10 o'clock on day of issue to insure the change.

The Foundation Stones

"Behold, a republic resting securely upon the foundation stones quarried by revolutionary patriots from the mountain of eternal truth!" Thus spoke William Jennings Bryan in 1900 and today he repeats it for the benefit of those who are inquiring into his attitude as secretary of state.

Such was the public to a large extent. The foundation stones quarried by the fathers from the mountain of truth were human equality, such rights as free speech, free press and free assemblage, and above all else the truth that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed There have been changes pince Bryan made his eloquent declaration, 13 years ago, but the eternal truth has not changed. Some of those foundation stones have become much weather worn. Some have been undermined. Some were set in quicksand and are slipping out from beneath the structure

We have discovered that all men are not equal before the law

Police clubbing and the bloody ridings of "Cossacks" have made us shaky as to the rights of free speech and free assemblages, while injunction, jail and heavy advertisers have at least weakened reliance on a free press

Last and most serious of all, we are only now awakening to the fact that our persons, our fire sides, our pursuit of happiness have been governed without our consent.

Slowly, stealthily but surely, has that foundation of stones quarried from the mountain of eternal truth been weakened. But it is still there, and, in our love of freedom and love of our fellowmen, we are already engaged in restoring its solidity and strength that it may again stand as the wonder of civilization and a glorious example to all peoples who are struggling toward the light.

Against tyranny and oppression the fathers of the revolution reared that foundation. We know that their material was the best that man ever employed. We are going back to their "mountain" for more material.

The labor will be great, but equality of opportunity and scandal may ensue, but again shall be upheld the causes of humanity by fearless free tongues and an honest, vigilant, free press. And those governed shall be the only ones to say what shall be the just powers of government.

Upon that foundation of eternal truths, laid over a century ago, have risen superstructures that are rotten and false. They must come down. They are immense and splendid in their deception. But greed and the power gained by partial. special advantage shall not prevent their being razed to the foundation stones.

SPECIALS
—For—
FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Standard Tomatoes large cans, 3 for....25c Doz.... 95c
Jenkins or Rose Corn 8c, doz. .....0 .9c
Light house cleanser 4c. doz 45c
15c size Sniders Pork and Beans 12c .....doz. $1.30
Peerless Milk doz.... .....45c
Lenox Soap 8 for 25c. Box ..$3
Palmetto Peanut Butter, pint jar 22c
100 lb. Sack globe Scratch $1.85
1 lb. can Veribest Corned Beef 18c
Qt. jar Mince Meat 21c
Borax Soap Chips 3 for 25c doz. 95c
Fresh Eggs, doz. 24c
1 lb. pkg. fancy Seeded Raisins 8c doz. 90c
Dry Onions, peck.....15c
Best Onion Sets 4 qts. 25c

A Nice Line of Easter Plants.

WARMAN'S
Both Stores

EASTER HATS SUITS AND DRESSES

Immense Stocks in Both Departments. All the New Materials, Newest Styles, New Spring Colors and all Exclusive models at this store

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Why Pay Thrible Profit?

Crescent Srcatch Feed Same as Globe.... $1.75

Baby Chick Feed 2½c Pound
CORN 75c
We Buy Direct and Sell Direct.
New Century Flour, 49 lb. sack $1.35
Hay, Grain and Feed of all kinds.
Prairie, Conkey & Prusian Poultry Food
Phone 295
HAGERSON & DAGUE

Local and Personal

Buy your Easter goods at Jacob Abrahams. Easter baskets, candies etc. Next to First National bank. 37 5t

The state legislature at Harrisburg is winding up the session with legislation on the mule. A bill introduced makes it an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment for any person to work a horse, ox or mule more than eight hours each day. Of course, why not? The mule has as good a right to the short day as a man.

Easter perfumes and toilet waters. See Kirk's window.

The district attorney fight promises to be rather interesting in this county. It isn't infrequent that such an expression as this can be heard: "Oh for an other one like Jess Cunningham!"

Easter post cards and booklets at Kirk's Drug store.

It is a good idea for the commissioners to shoot the assessments up just to see the fellows smile when they are reduced.

In San Francisco they don't have booze at banquets anymore. They just charge the chairs with electricity and the guests make just as big fools of themselves as though they were full of booze. It is a good idea and isn't expensive.

Reymer package candies at Kirk's Drug store.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

Classified advertisements such as For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Boarding and Lodging and all such advertisements will be run under this heading at the rate of a cent a word.

FOR SALE—Four room house. all conveniences slate roof, water in kitchen. Lot 40x130 feet, cherries, peaches, grapes, two chicken coops, Price $750. Inquire Mrs. Pope, on premises. Oakland and Sixth, Charlerci. 39 3t

FOR SALE—Seven room frame house, gas, water, electric lights, all modern conveniences. Located on Broad avenue, near Fayette street, Belle Vernon. Address "C". 36 6tp

BARBER SHOP FOR SALE—Anyone wanting to buy a first class barber shop in good location will do well to communicate with "X. Z." care of the Daily Independent. A bargain. Will be sold cheap to quick buyer.

FOR SALE—Piano and piano player. Both for $500. Inquire of T. Layfayette McMahan.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Apply 15 Knox avenue. 37 tf

WANTED—Experienced white porter. Apply Victoria hotel. 39 3t

FOR RENT—Six room house, four acres of ground, stable and outbuilding, between Elizabeth and Suterville. Inquire Mrs. H. Albright, R. F. D. R. No. 34. 39 3t

EASTER MONEY

We have made special arrangements to advance money quickly, confidentially and at a very low cost to housekeepers, workingmen and salaried employes of this valley in need of additional cash for Easter ora ny other purpose.

Under our system the money can be repaid in small "easy-to-pay" installments, either weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. All transactions strictly confidential.

If not convenient to call, write or 'phone and we will send our representative to see you.

AMERICAN LOAN CO.
211 Fifth St. Charleroi, Pa
Open Evenings Until Eight O'clock

Rat an-ni-hi-la-tor is sure and sanitary. Sold under a positive guarantee by G. R. Eddy, druggist. 94 tf

Scott and Stein are still trying to get bills passed. It's a cinch they haven't much constituency back home the way they conduct themselves.

Hudnut's, Pinaud's and Palmer's perfumes and toilet waters at Kirk's Drug store.

"There would seem to be nothing in that report that an effort is making to take the charter away from the borough of Monessen. A little of the Coatsville treatment, such as taking away the liquor licenses, might go so far and serve the purpose better, however."—Greensburg Tribune. Almost as bad dear brother.

For chic, jaunty and the leading styles both in tailored and dress hats in shapes and colorings with reasonable prices, don't fail to see the Elite Millinery shop's complete stock. Mrs. A. W. Datz, 320 Donner avenue. 38 2t

Down at Harrisburg they are doing nothing but boosting salaries. Such tactics as they use down there makes representative citizens feel like taking a hold of the reins.

Not all the democrats in Monessen are candidates for postoffice but they are all in a receptive mood.

PILES DISAPPEAR

So Does Eczema, Salt Rheum, Ulcers, Old Sores and Carbuncles.

Under the influence of San Cura Ointment surprising cures are made so quickly that they seem like miracles.

Stubborn cases of piles like those of Rev. W. F. Gilbert of Titusville, Pa., vanish before the marvelous antiseptic Ointment. Mr. Gilbert writes "For twenty years I suffered with bleeding and itching piles; at times I was confined to the house for more than a month. Two years ago I began using San Cura Ointment and one 50c jar made a firm and permanent cure. I have not been troubled since."

San Cura Ointment is guaranteed by Craig's Drug Store, who is the agent in Monessen, to cure any of the above named diseases or money back. It instantly kills all pain from burns, cuts and bruises, draws out the poison and heals in a short time. 25 cents and 50 cents a jar a Craig's Drug Store

Also Baby Soap.

San Cura is healing and antiseptic soap; just the soothing kind that baby needs: It opens the pores from all impurities and prevents fevers, rashes and other infantile diseases. Best for anyone's skin, cures pimples and blackheads, cleans the complexion. 25 cents a large cake at Craig's Drug Store.

Mail orders for San Cura Ointment and Soap filled by Thompson Medical Co., Titusville, Pa.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned having leased his farm will offer at public sale on the farm in Fallowfield township, Washington county, two and one half miles west of Charleroi, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

at 12:30 o'clock

the following described property: Eight head of cows, several of which are fresh, six head of young cattle, several veal calves, one standard bred driving mare, one all purpose mare, one standard bred yearling colt, one saddle bred stallion three years old, a good one; some White Orpington chickens, one 2 horse cultivator, one manure spreader, spring tooth harrow, one mowing machine, one set of plow harness, one corn drill, two buggies, one hay fork and ropes, one hay rake, one ensilage cutter, two plows, six tons of hay, some furniture and other articles. Terms made known on day of sale.

J. E. VanVoorhes
Monongahela, Pa.
Maple Creek phone. R. R. 3

Bijou Theatre

Three Reel Special
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"When Lincoln Paid"
TODAY

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WATCH THIS SPACE

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To Carry a House

costs little if any more than to pay rent. If you can pay a little money down we will sell you a house on terms practically the same as rent. Make your money buy a home instead of worthless receipts. Come and investigate our proposition. A plan that offers you something where you now get nothing is worth looking into.

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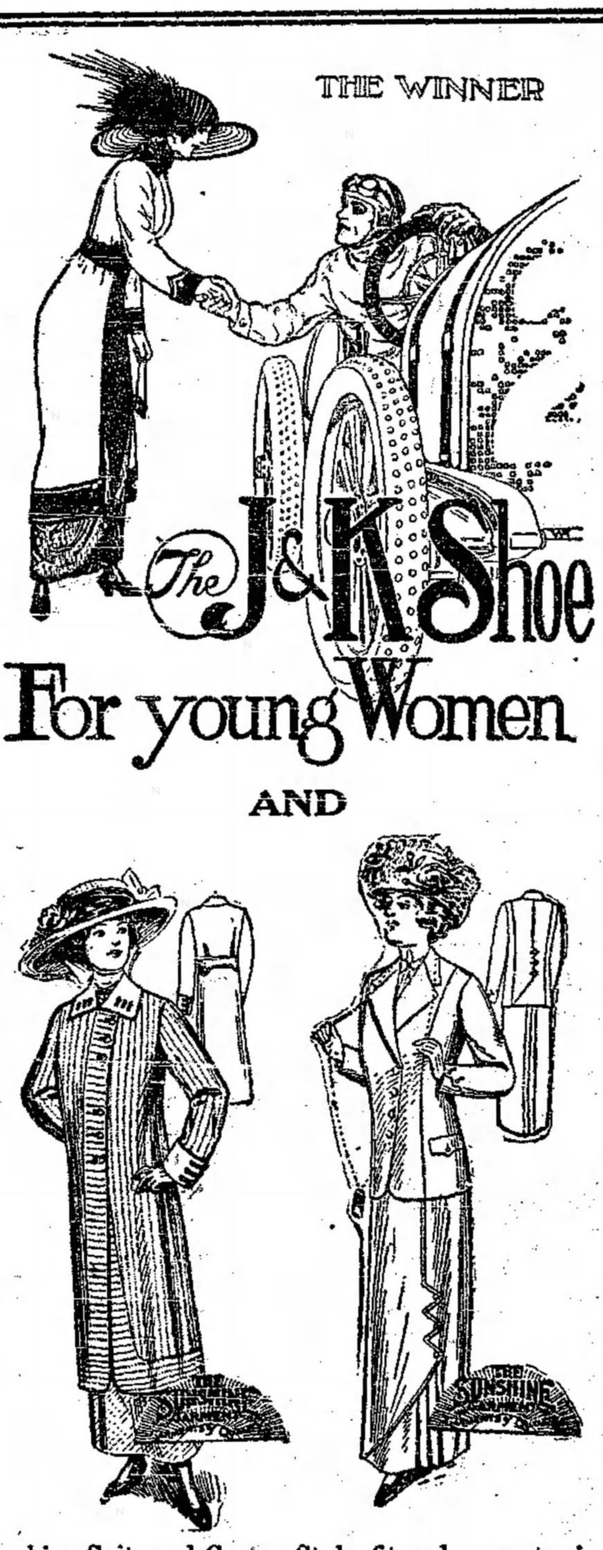

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AND

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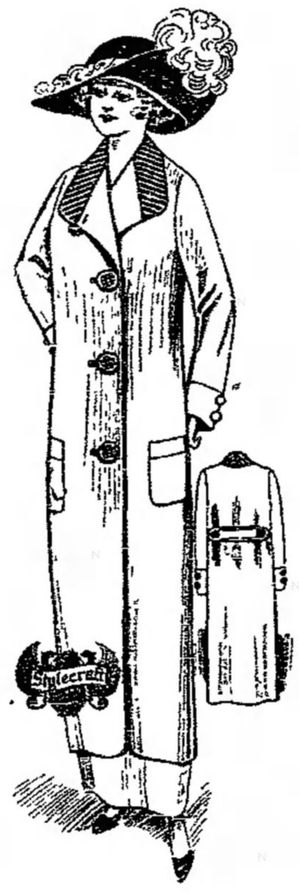

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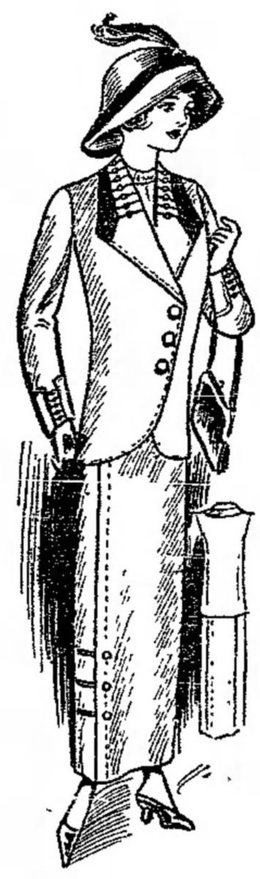

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PERSONAL HAPPENIN(

"The Great Unknown" in reels at the Olympic theatre b Vaudeville today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Stewart of Webster, w Monessen yesterday.

Mrs. M. Russell is in Brown on business today.

Mrs. George Nash and dau were in the city yesterday on ness.

Rev. B. F. Bungard is visitin sick in the McKeesport hospital day.

I. Ginsberg is in the city on ness today.

Mrs. Daisy Berry is vi friends in Brownsville.

Mrs. Leroy Huger is visi friends in McKeesport.

Ray Strickler and Paul Yeato tended the Palace theatre at Cha last evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I a nine pound boy.

Eugene Lohman who is locat Gary, Ind., is expected home t main over Sunday with his pa Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lohman, or aware street

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Mr. and Mrs. Snyder of Cleveland, O., have been the guests of Mr and Mrs. Luther Bolig, returning home yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Carighran will spend Easter with relatives at Dawson.

Miss Sara Kelly is visiting at her home in Webster.

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West Monessen

Born—To Mr. and Mrs George Kenyon a baby boy Wednesday, March, 12

Mrs. Charles Fortney was visiting friends in Belle Vernon Wednesday.

Mrs. William Foulks called on her mother in law, Mrs. William McCreary of Monessen Thursday.

Mrs. F. Crispen has returned home after visiting in Pittsburg for a few days.

Miss Lela Dougherty of Uniontown is visiting Miss Grace Phillips and Mrs. William Foulks for a few days.

Mrs. John Pineyard has returned after visiting with friends and relatives in Morgantown for a few days.

Miss Marion Thomas is visiting friends in Pittsburg.

Miss Hazel Phillips of Uniontown, was visiting relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. William Gordon and son, of Wilmerding were the guests of Mrs. Charles Fortney Friday.

The Contestants

HOW THEY STAND

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Includes all ofthe territory in the city of Monessen, lying east of Fourth street.

Charles Pasoja	5210
Gus Hirsch	4000
Blanche Brightwell	5090
Tom Underwood	5120
Nosh Cook	5230
Regina Conway	5000
Minnie Bluel	5090
Hallie Feightner	5030
Jean Stevenson	5140
Minnie Bumer	5560
Margaret Snyder	5120
Harry Sutton	5050
Fred Meyben	5010
Albert Cornwall	5040
Alice Datz	5060
Irene Peden	5120
Henry Bertleman	5130
James Herron	5060
John Brady	5230
Margaret Trago	5060
SteveDwaratzek	5140
Lyman Clark	5030
Margaret Dils	5540
Elsie Janavitz	5980
Chas. Kehlenbeck	5060
Earl Shutterly	5040
W. B. Waite	5120
Jeannette Wilson	5210
Wm. Boore	5360
Ralph Bearer	5010
Earl Wilson	5060

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

Includes all of that territory in the city of Monessen, not included in District No. One.

William Reiner	5240
Ella Shantz	5150
Sam Meyers	5060
Rose Leavendorf	5240
Mary Baker	5130
George Sherman	5080
Watson Johns	5030
John Ashton	5120
Helen Boag	5160
Margaret Corrigan	5630
Emit Cadwallader	5050
Reah Seanor	5140
Catherine Davies	6500
Mrs. Florence Bogart	5020
John Leonard	5030
Lee McLain	8930
Francis Odbert	5140
Eugene McKenney	5700
Mike Skirpan	5100
Marcele Colas	5209
Mrs. Ira Frve	5030
Harold Rose	5150
George Price	5120
Anna Miller	5230
Ronald Reamer	5160
George Helmboldt	5050
Davene Wheatley	5280
Henry Mitchell	5160
Lee Vaughn	5210
Adam Horn	5040

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE

Includes all of the territory outside of Monessen wherever the Independent circulates.

Margaret J. Hayden, Belle Vernon	5260
John Vance, Belle Vernon	5100
Seward Fleming, Fayette City	5080
Miss Coughanour, Belle Vernon	5210
Lillian V. Robinson, Belle Vernon	5030
Emma Perkins, Webster	5090
Ed Lange, Belle Vernon	5120
Margaret Nelson, Belle Vernon	5230
Irwin Baldwin, Belle Vernon	5020
Robert Groushore	5130
Anna Perry, Belle Vernon	5000
Mrs. Laura Emerson, Lock 4	5010
Emma Taylor, Webster	5040
James Jones, Belle Vernon	5050
Helen Phillips, Lock 4	5240
Robert McGowan, Lock 4	5040
Nellie McCahill, Hazzard	5130
Charles Kyle, Belle Vernon	5120
Clarence Luce, Belle Vernon	5070
Josephine Lundberg, Charleroi	5180
Mabel Meyers, Belle Vernon	5120
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Josephine Shepler, Belle Vernon	5060

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Chuck Roast, per lb.	12½c	California Hams, per lb.	1
Shoulder Roast, per lb.	12½c	Bacon, per lb.	1
Rump Roast, per lb.	12½c	Weiners, per lb.	12
Pork Loin, per lb.	15c	Ring Balogna, per lb.	1
Pork Shoulder, per lb.	14c	Jumbo Balogna, per lb.	12
Pork Sausage, per lb.	14c	Ham Balogna, per lb..	1

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Dr. J. C. Maloy has for over 80 years been pastor of the Presbyterian congregation in West Newton. On April 20, Maloy will complete a century of active pastoral work and thirty eight and a half of these years he has ministered and preached to the West Newton congregation.

Dr. Maloy's first pastorate was in Philadelphia. Two years later he moved to Champaigville, O., where he remained nearly six years before accepting the pastorate of a congregation in Steubenville, O. Receiving a call from the West Newton congregation to become its pastor nearly 39 years ago, Dr. Maloy accepted it. He is thought to be the oldest pastor in continuous service in a local congregation in Western Pennsylania.

Local Notes

Miss McBride, a local teacher, will spend Easter with relatives at Grafton, Pa.

Miss Wright, one of the local teachers, will spend Easter at her home in Pittsburg.

Miss Ethel Hamilton is spending a few days at her home in West Newton.

Miss Jennie Baker has gone to McKeesport to remain over Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Moler, Mrs. Engles and Mrs. Lancaster were attending to business in Donora yesterday.

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Mrs. J. M. Jamieson, attended yesterday, the funeral of her cousin, Mr. S. B. Donaldson, a Pittsburg attorney.

Washington county is going to organize a press association. It is a good thing to upbuild the profession, and say, looking over the bills that were sent in for publishing the constitutional amendments reminds us that the profession needs some purification.

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CHURCH BELLS

Evangelist Houck seems to gain in power and effectiveness as the meetings continue at the Presbyterian church. Many have been the inquiries concerning the duration of the present series. The pastor announced that the meeting would continue for only a period of two weeks. Asked why, he responded that it is only a short time until the union campaign, which including cottage prayer meetings will cover a period of eight weeks. And even though the present meetings are only getting fairly under headway, it is wisdom not to prolong them beyond the time announced.

Thus all desiring to hear the Rev. M. B. Houck in this educational campaign should try and do so during the next three nights. Rev. Houck will go from Monessen to Jeannette to conduct a service that will include the various churches. The evangelist was again at his proper gait, and his flow of language and portrayal of men born in sin and living on in sins, inviting the wrath of God as their just deserts as intensely impressive. Again, the evangelist revealed the plan of God's salvation, whereby any man, who honestly meets the conditions, can say of a certainty that he is saved. This was followed by a description of the folly of man trifling with God. Better, said the speaker, "that a man play with chain lightning, or fondle with the envenomed serpents, or some active explosive, than to trifle with God's mercy.

Perhaps, the evangelist struck his most effective note, when he ridiculed so called Christians who lived upon their sentimentality. When environment, favorable conditions and special influences are conducive for the stirring of the emotions, all such are good Christians. When these things are removed, then they are back again in the world. Such things make me sick and are counterfeits upon the real. They are a sham and a shame to the cause of Christ.

The evangelist's appeal for a religion that is of God, that will stand the stress and trials of time, was effective and productive. He plead for a true religion, in which the possessor need not publish the fact that he is a Christian. A religion so pregnant with the spirit of the meek and lowly Friend of humanity that all would immediately recognize the staunchness of their faith in hours of trial, their helpfulness in times of sorrow and the good cheer in hours of despair.

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The evangelist, Houck, sumed up his discourse with a running exposition of his declarations by which he wove into a glorious chain the promises of God that are sure and eternal. Rev. Houck and his wife sang a duet that was most pleasing and effective. The last of the cottage prayer meetings will be held Saturday as follows: First ward, Mrs. E. B. Sloterbeck, 152 Schoonmaker avenue. Second ward, Miss Edith Bowes, Park Way.

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The THIRD DEGREE

A NARRATIVE OF METROPOLITAN LIFE

By CHARLES KLEIN AND ARTHUR HORNBLOW

ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Howard Jeffries, banker's son, under the evil influence of Robert Underwood, fellow-student at Yale, leads a life of dissipation, marries the daughter of a gambler who died in prison, and is disowned by his father. Forced to leave college, he tries to get work and fails. His wife, Annie, is straight as a die, and has a heart of gold. A former college chum makes a business proposition to Howard which requires $2,000 cash, and Howard is broke.

CHAPTER II.—Robert Underwood, who had made love to Annie in his college days and was repulsed, and was once engaged to Howard's stepmother, Alicia, is a welcome visitor at the Jeffries home. Underwood has apartments in the Astruria, an exclusive apartment house. Howard recalls a $250 loan to Underwood that remains unpaid and decides to ask him for the $2,000 he needs.

CHAPTER III.—Mrs. Jeffries, Sr., foolishly encourages a dangerous intimacy with Underwood which the latter takes advantage of until he becomes a sort of social highwayman. Discovering his true character, Mrs. Jeffries denies him the house.

CHAPTER IV.—Alicia receives a note from Underwood threatening suicide unless she revokes her sentence of banishment. She decides to go and see him.

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began.

Shutting the front door, Underwood led the way back into the sitting room, and making an effort to control his nerves, said:

"Sit down, won't you?"

But Mr. Bennington merely bowed stiffly. It was evident that he did not wish his call to be mistaken for a social visit.

"I haven't time, thank you. To be frank, my mission is rather a delicate one, Mr. Underwood."

Underwood laughed nervously. Affecting to misinterpret the other's meaning, he said:

"Yes, you're right. The art and antique business is a delicate business. God knows it's a precarious one!" Reaching for the decanter, he added: "Have a drink."

But Mr. Bennington refused to unbend. The proffer of refreshment did not tempt him to swerve from the object of his mission. While Underwood was talking, trying to gain time, his eyes were taking in the contents of the apartment.

"Come, take a drink," urged Underwood again.

"No, thanks," replied Mr. Bennington curtly.

Suddenly he turned square around. "Let's get down to business, Mr. Underwood," he exclaimed. "My firm insists on the immediate return of their property." Pointing around the room, he added: "Everything, do you understand?"

Underwood was standing in the shadow of the lamp so his visitor did not notice that he had grown suddenly very white, and that his mouth twitched painfully.

"Why, what's the trouble?" he stammered. "Haven't I got prices for your people that they would never have gotten?"

"Yes—we know all that," replied Mr. Bennington impatiently. "To be frank, Mr. Underwood, we've received information that you've sold many of the valuable articles intrusted to you for which you've made no accounting at all."

"That's not true," exclaimed Underwood hotly. "I have accounted for almost everything. The rest of the things are here. Of course, there may be a few things—"

Taking a box of cigars from the desk, he offered it to his visitor.

"No, thanks," replied Bennington coldly, pushing back the proffered box.

Underwood was fast losing his self-control. Throwing away his cigar with an angry exclamation, he began to walk up and down.

"I can account for everything if you give me time. You must give me time. I'm hard pressed by my creditors. My expenses are enormous and collections exceedingly difficult. I have a large amount of money outstanding. After our pleasant business relations it seems absurd and most unfair that your firm should take this stand with me." He halted suddenly and faced Bennington. "Of course, I'm much obliged to you, personally, for this friendly tip."

Bennington shrugged his shoulders. "The warning may give you time either to raise the money or to get the things back."

Underwood's dark eyes flashed with suppressed wrath, as he retorted:

"Of course, I can get them all back in time. Damn it, you fellows don't know what it costs to run this kind of business successfully! One has to spend a small fortune to keep up appearances. These society people won't buy if they think you really need the money. I've had to give expensive dinners and spend money like water even to get them to come here and look at the things. You must give me time to make a settlement. I need at least a month."

Bennington shook his head. There was a hard, uncompromising look in his face as he replied caustically:

"They're coming for the things tomorrow. I thought it fair to let you know. I can do no more."

Underwood stopped short.

"To-morrow," he echoed faintly.

"Yes," said Bennington grimly. "You might as well understand the situation thoroughly. The game's up. The firm has been watching you for some time. When you tried to sell these things to old Defries for one-quarter their real value he instantly recognized where they came from. He telephoned straight to our place. You've been shadowed by detectives ever since. There's a man outside watching this place now."

"My God! Why Are They Hounding Me Like This?"

"My God!" exclaimed Underwood. "Why are they hounding me like this?"

Approaching Bennington quickly, he grasped his hand.

"Bennington," he said earnestly, "you and I've always been on the square. Can't you tell them it's all right? Can't you get them to give me time?"

Before the manager could reply the telephone bell rang sharply. Underwood started. An expression of fear came over his face. Perhaps the firm had already sworn out a warrant for his arrest. He picked up the receiver to answer the call.

"What name is that?" he demanded over the telephone. The name was repeated and with a gesture of relief he exclaimed:

"Howard Jeffries!—what on earth does he want? I can't see him. Tell him I'm—"

Bennington took his hat and turned to go:

"Well, I must be off."

"Don't go," exclaimed Underwood, as he hung up the receiver mechanically. "It's only that infernal ass Howard Jeffries!"

"I must," said the manager. As he went toward the door he made a close scrutiny of the walls as if searching for something that was not there. Stopping short, he said:

"I don't see the Velasquez."

"No—no," stammered Underwood nervously. "It's out—out on probation. Oh, it's all right. I can account for everything."

Mr. Bennington continued his inspection.

"I don't see the Gobelin tapestry," he said laconically.

"Oh, that's all right, too, if they'll only give me time," he cried desperately. "Good God, you don't know what it means to me, Bennington! The position I've made for myself will be swept away and—"

Mr. Bennington remained distant and unsympathetic and Underwood threw himself into a chair with a gesture of disgust.

"Sometimes I don't think I care what happens," he exclaimed. "Things haven't been going my way lately. I don't care a hang whether school keeps or not. If they drive me to the wall I'll do something desperate. I'll—"

A ring at the front door bell interrupted him.

"Who can that be?" he exclaimed, startled. He looked closely at his companion, as if trying to read in his face if he were deceiving him.

"Probably your friend of the telephone," suggested Bennington.

Underwood opened the door and Howard entered jauntily.

"Hello, fellers, how goes it?" was his jocular greeting.

He was plainly under the influence of liquor. When he left home that evening he had sworn to Annie that he would not touch a drop, but by the time he reached the Astruria his courage failed him. He rather feared Underwood, and he felt the need of a stimulant to brace him up for the "strike" he was about to make. The back door of a saloon was conveniently open and while he was refreshing himself two other men he knew dropped in. Before he knew it, half a dozen drinks had been absorbed, and he had spent the whole of $5 which his wife had intrusted to him out of her carefully hoarded savings. When he sobered up he would realize that he had acted like a coward and a cur, but just now he was feeling rather jolly. Addressing Under-

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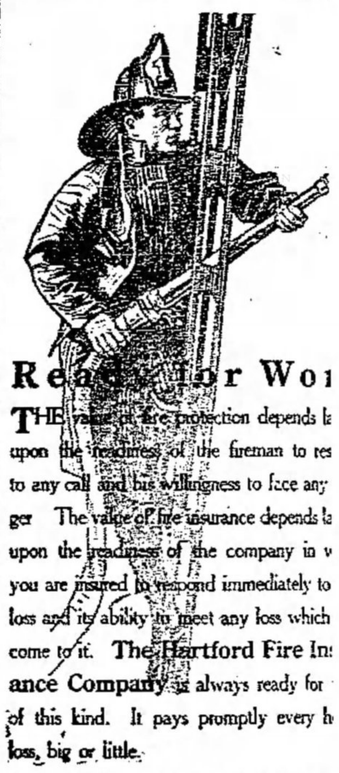

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